

DOWN SYNDROME DEVELOPMENT TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

(1 Feb 2025 to 31 January 2026)

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Executive Summary

The Trustees are pleased to present this annual report and the accompanying financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2026. The report has been prepared in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities (UK and Republic of Ireland) and FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019).

Strategic Objectives

- Provide targeted, high-quality support for children and young people with Down syndrome, and their families, across Sussex.
- Maintain a responsive, independently funded, not-for-profit service that remains open and accessible to the whole community.
- Lead by example by testing new approaches, sharing learning, and developing sustainable ways of working.

Mission for Down Syndrome Community

Our purpose is to improve health, development, and life chances for people with Down syndrome. We focus on safe, high-quality delivery, on strengthening well-being, and on widening access to meaningful opportunities. Our work includes physical activity sessions, music and creative programmes, advice and guidance, resources for families and professionals, and research-informed practice that benefits both local families and the wider community.

Strategic Growth Plan

Over the year we continued to build capacity and participation by recruiting and retaining skilled staff, expanding opportunities, and strengthening our delivery model. Our focus remains on growing our Social and Learning Day Opportunties Provision and progressing our work on longer-term pathways, including supported employment and living option

Immediate Strategic Priorities

- Increase capacity and widen reach where it is safe and sustainable to do so
- Strengthen quality and consistency across all sessions and projects
- Improve processess to aid efficiency and operational excellence to support and maintain year on year growth



Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for setting strategic direction, ensuring good governance, and overseeing the effective and safe delivery of services. Trustees meet regularly to review performance, financial position and risk, and to ensure that the charity complies with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Day-to-day management is delegated to the senior leadership team, who manage services and operations in line with agreed plans, policies and safeguarding procedures. Trustees work closely with staff and partners to ensure the organisation remains sustainable, accountable and responsive to the needs of children, young people and families across Sussex.





Achievements and Performance

Operational Performance Review

From February 2025 to January 2026 we delivered a busy programme built around the goals and interests of the children and young people we support. Sessions were shaped by what matters to them and delivered by staff with the right skills and experience. Families reported positive outcomes including improved confidence and emotional well-being, reduced isolation, and practical relief from day-to-day pressures, alongside stronger connections to peers and community.

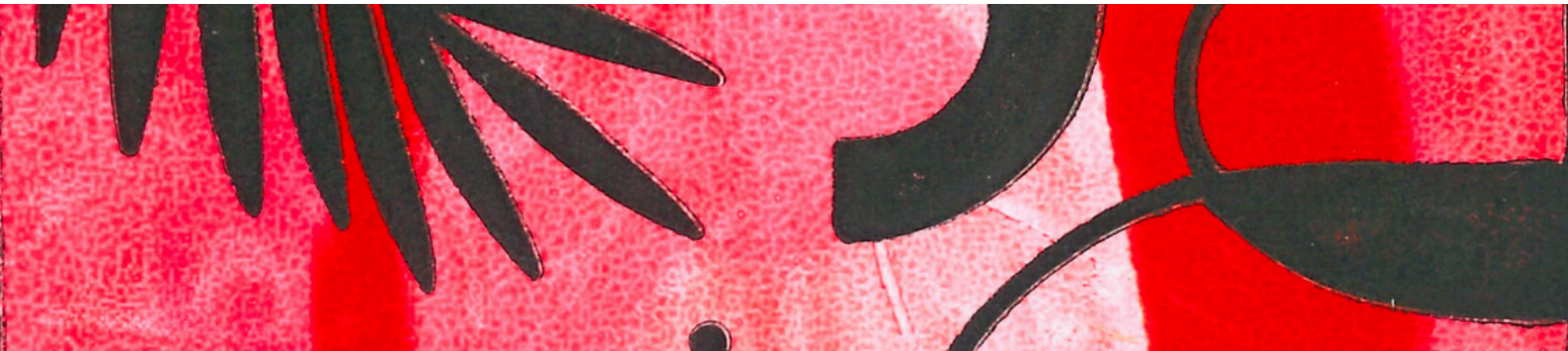
National Lottery Funding and University Partnerships

Support from the National Lottery Reaching Communities programme has continued to underpin our day-to-day management and help us develop our services. Our Social and Learning Hub at the Sussex Innovation Centre has remained a strong placement setting for students from the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton, bringing new energy and skills into our delivery. This year we hosted **Ten interns and volunteers, compared with four the previous year.**

Working colaboratively with the University of Sussex and community partners has also widened work experience options for our young people and created additional, meaningful social opportunities.







Careers That Care Campaign

Through a further National Lottery Reaching Communities award, we grew our Careers That Care work so more young people could build practical employability skills in real settings.

Alongside supported work opportunities, young people helped to design and produce small-batch items including cards, candles, salt scrubs and tie-dyed socks. We tested sales and customer-facing skills through pop-up stalls at local markets and launched an Etsy shop to reach a wider audience.

The next stage is to build on this momentum by pursuing opportuntities to stock selected products within local retail outlets, strengthening our visbility and micro-enterprise income by extending authentic work experience.

Relish Food Trailer Initiative

Relish, our hospitality training food trailer, has continued to provide structured, supported work experience through preparing and serving bagels, coffee and snacks on university campuses. The project builds confidence and employability skills while also raising awareness of our charity through day-to-day community contact. An additional placement site has been established at the University of Brighton, broadening both reach and opportunity.







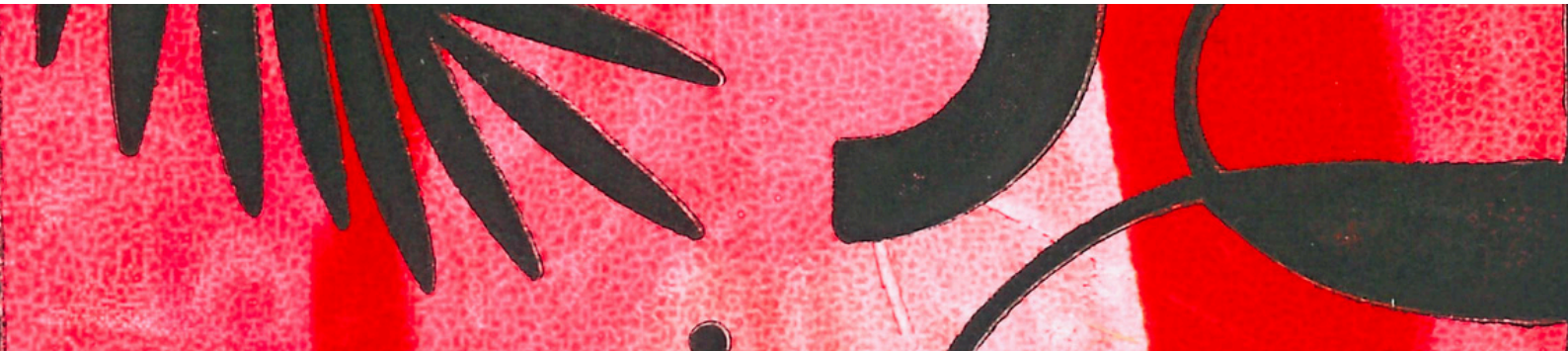
LINK UP Programmes

Alongside our Down syndrome provision, LINK UP has continued as a locally funded offer for children and young people with a wider range of needs, supported by Brighton & Hove City Council. Engagement has grown steadily, and demand remains high. Capacity is managed carefully so that our core Down syndrome sessions remain protected, while still enabling access to appropriate opportunities where this meets individual needs. As a result, the hub now includes elements of pan-disability provision alongside our specialist work.

Transport and Housing Pathways

Our minibus support has continued to remove barriers to attendance and help families access services more reliably. For many young people, supported travel also contributes to confidence and independence.

In parallel, we have continued to explore supported housing and funding routes as part of a longer-term pathway for young adults. This remains an active area of development.



Growth and Sustainability

Over the year we have continued to develop and stabilise our delivery as the scale of our work has increased. We also strengthened our sustainability by growing modest micro-enterprise income, alongside **Grant** funding**.** Feedback from families has remained very strong and has helped guide service development. We increased our volunteer and part-time staffing capacity and maintained productive and positive relationships with strategic partners, all of which help support our consistent approach to provide positive outcomes.
Trustees continue to provide governance, oversight and strategic direction, working closely with staff and external partners to support the charity's long-term future.

Key Achievements

Increased Beneficiaries

We extended our help to more children and young people, from **147** last year to **189** between February 2025 and January 31, 2026.

Workforce and Volunteering

We retained a core team of four full-time staff and increased our capacity through additional part-time roles. We also benefited from student interns, volunteers and paid bank staff, helping us to respond to demand while maintaining quality and safety.

Program Expansion

We increased the number of live activities and were able to offer **3340** hours of activities during this period, a **1294** change from last year's **2046** hours.

Short Breaks and Holiday Provision

Day-long activity camps have continued to be valued by children and young people and by families, providing longer, meaningful breaks during holiday periods and extending opportunities beyond education.
LINK UP sessions for children and young people with other disabilities in Brighton & Hove have also remained in very high demand, widening access for local families and increasing our overall reach.

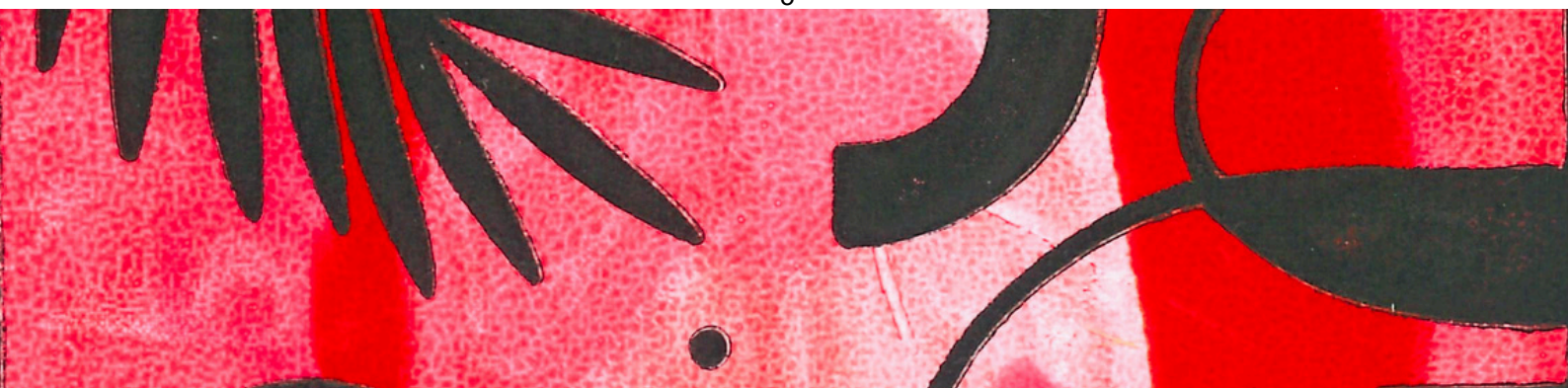






Social and Learning Hub

The Social and Learning Hub has continued to provide structured learning and work experience opportunities, including our postal service, horticulture work experience, sports coaching (theory and practical), and hospitality training. Increased funding and strong partnerships have enabled us to broaden the offer and deepen impact for young people aged 16–25.



Key Achievements cont'd

Physical Activity Programs

We continue to offer live bespoke physical activity sessions both indoor and outdoor, including:

- Multi-sports and basketball at local leisure centers
- Multi-sport in open public parks
- Forestry activities and sport at Bushy Wood, Hailsham
- Assisted cycling, watersports
- Equine therapy
- Family Swimming sessions

Highlights of the Year

This year, our young people took part in high-profile community events and showcased their skills and confidence through creative projects.







Relish: community events and regular campus placements

Our Relish food truck attended both **Apulstock Festival** and **Pride Festival**. Young people worked supported shifts, enjoyed being part of the events, and helped promote our charity through positive community engagement.
In addition, Relish supported a range of community and campus opportunities throughout the year:
Mac's Farm (Egg Shack shop opening): Relish attended on **four occasions**.
University of Brighton (UoB): Relish operated **twice a week during term time**, and also took part in a **spring-time student event** on campus.
University of Sussex (UoS): Relish operates **three times a week on Library Square** during term time, and also attended a **tree-lighting event on Library Square**.

Drama: full-scale performance at the Attenborough Centre (UoS)

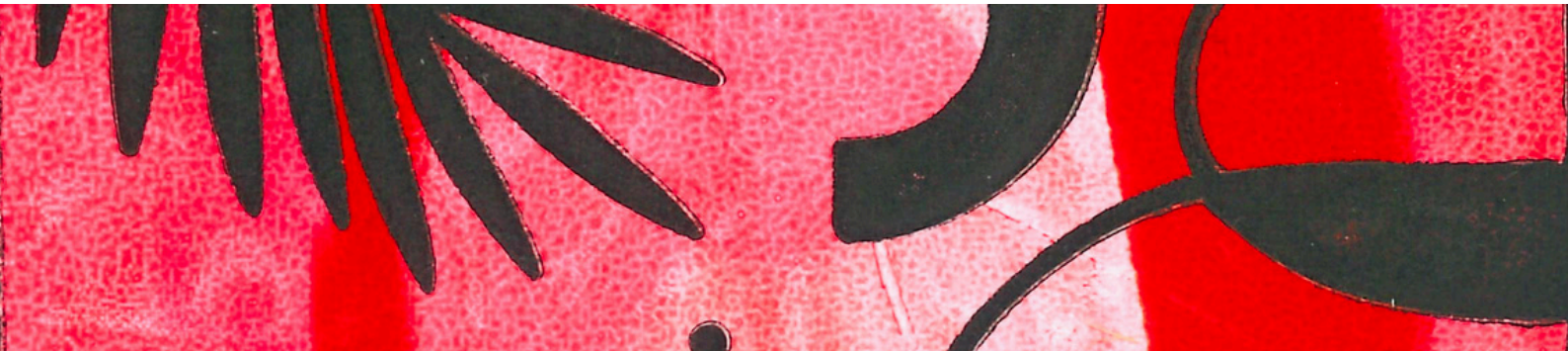
For the first time, our drama students delivered a full-scale performance at the **Attenborough Centre, University of Sussex**, marking a significant milestone in confidence, teamwork and creative expression.

Inclusive cinema project at The Depot, Lewes

We hosted our first **inclusive cinema** project at **The Depot, Lewes**, kindly supported by the **Brighton Lions Club**, enabling more accessible cultural experiences for our community.

End-of-year theatre trip

To celebrate the end of the drama students' year, we arranged a trip to the panto, supported by **D'Oyly Carte**.



Additional Programmes and Services

Music

Music sessions have continued at Small Pond Studios in Brighton, using New Rock Generation's Write, Record & Perform curriculum. Throughout the year, participants developed skills in writing, recording and performing, working towards an end-of-year showcase performance in July.

Trips and Social Outings

Following feedback from families, we prioritised longer day camps during school holidays, which meant fewer standalone minibus outings. However, we still delivered a selection of trips based on what young people wanted, including bowling, cinema, meals out, parks, karaoke, concerts and visits to farms.

Consultancy

We provided advice and consultancy to parents and education settings, sharing practical strategies and best practice for supporting children and young people with Down syndrome.

Partnerships and Community Links

Our work is strengthened by partnerships that help us expand opportunity, improve quality, and connect young people to their community. During the year we maintained key relationships and developed new links, including:

- Equine therapy delivered with Plumpton Equine Centre
- Swimming sessions in partnership with Wave Leisure
- The Social and Learning Hub offer for young people aged 16–25, supporting life skills, learning and work experience
- Ongoing engagement with University of Sussex departments to support awareness and educational opportunities
- Continued partnership with the University of Brighton, creating a wider range of placements and activities





Fundraising

With the support of partners and funders, including National Lottery Reaching Communities, our income has remained strong enough to sustain and develop delivery. As we plan for potential changes in funding, we are also prioritising long-term sustainability through careful budgeting and the development of earned income.

Positive Outcomes for Children and Young People

Regular attendance has continued to support measurable progress for children and young people. Families and staff observed improvements in:

- Confidence, friendships and social connection
- Emotional well-being and coping with change
- Sensory regulation, coordination and motor skills

In addition, 90% of parents reported noticing positive changes at home.
Feedback gathered through surveys from children, young people and families has remained overwhelmingly positive.

Boosted Fitness and Health

The fitness improvements in our cohort have helped reduce the risk of obesity.

Inclusion and Opportunity

By offering a varied programme, we help young people access experiences that build skills, reduce isolation and strengthen a sense of belonging. Many participants:

- Look forward to sessions and feel part of a peer group
- Build routines that support well-being and fitness
- Gain confidence to try new activities and roles

Through short breaks, social opportunities and supported work experience, young people are better placed to grow in independence, and families are supported through reliable, high-quality provision.



Future Priorities

We intend to keep developing our services year on year, while making sure growth is safe, sustainable and well governed. As demand continues to increase, waiting lists highlight the need to strengthen our internal systems. Key priorities for the coming year include improving processes, protocols and policies to support quality at scale, and continuing to involve children, young people and families in shaping what we offer.
Our focus remains on delivering excellent provision, widening impact, and ensuring young people’s views, wishes and feelings remain central to future development.

Financial Review

The Trustees report that at year end total funds were **£96,965** made up of **£36,237** unrestricted funds and **£60,728** restricted funds.

Given the nature and scale of the charity's activities, and noting that recent social care funding has provided some additional assurance regarding future sustainability, the Trustees believe it remains sensible to maintain an unrestricted reserves target of **£20,000**, equivalent to approximately two months of essential operating costs.

Trustees' Approval

The Trustees confirm that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 January 2026 and authorised it for issue on behalf of the Board.

NAME	ROLE	SIGNATURE	DATE
Joanna Pike	Chair of Trustees'		4/08/26

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity and administrative information is maintained by the Trustees and is available on request. Key records include governing documents, trustee meeting minutes, policies and procedures (including safeguarding), and service delivery documentation.

For enquiries regarding this report, governance, or administrative matters, please contact the charity via its usual correspondence channels.

Accountant's report

The independent accountant’s report will be provided alongside the annual accounts and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2026.

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Development Trust
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Down Syndrome Development Trust
For The Year Ended 31 January 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Caroline Clarke ACA

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Down Syndrome Development Trust
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 January 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	**3**	85,549	261,528	347,077	323,543
Charitable activities:					
Operations		18,193	-	18,193	5,043
		103,742	261,528	365,270	328,586
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	**5**				
Operations		(90,353)	(24,861)	(115,214)	(154,033)
Communication		-	-	-	(15,901)
Sports		-	(43,979)	(43,979)	(32,648)
Family Support		-	(102,381)	(102,381)	(60,685)
Music		-	(7,165)	(7,165)	(7,489)
Social Development		(2,349)	(67,016)	(69,365)	(37,227)
		(92,702)	(245,402)	(338,104)	(307,983)
NET INCOME		11,040	16,126	27,166	20,603
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		11,040	16,126	27,166	20,603
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		25,197	44,602	69,799	49,196
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**15**	36,237	60,728	96,965	69,799

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Down Syndrome Development Trust
Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	**9**	15,515	-	15,515	18,845
		15,515	-	15,515	18,845
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	**10**	1,625	-	1,625	1,625
Cash at bank and in hand		30,617	60,728	91,345	61,945
		32,242	60,728	92,970	63,570
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	**11**	(4,519)	-	(4,519)	(5,615)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		27,723	60,728	88,451	57,955
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		43,238	60,728	103,966	76,800
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	**12**	(7,001)	-	(7,001)	(7,001)
NET ASSETS		36,237	60,728	96,965	69,799
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				60,728	44,602
Unrestricted Funds				36,237	25,197
TOTAL FUNDS	**15**			96,965	69,799

For the year ending 31 January 2026 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board



Joanna Pike

Trustee
4th August 2026

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1. General Information

Down Syndrome Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 08346182 and registered charity number 1155830. The registered office is Unit 1b Sussex Innovation Centre, Science Park Square, Falmer Brighton, BN1 9SB.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether ‘capital' grants or ‘revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

2.3. Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration on each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on a basis which is an estimate, based on the proportion of cost of each activity to the total cost of all activities.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% Reducing Balance
Computer Equipment	33% Straight Line

2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.6. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	65,049	-	65,049
Grants	20,500	261,528	282,028
	85,549	261,528	347,077

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	52,086	-	52,086
Grants	42,028	229,429	271,457
	94,114	229,429	323,543

The following grants are included within the total income from donations and legacies above:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £
Chalk Cliff	-	4,000	4,000
Ernest Kleinwort	-	5,500	5,500
ESCC Short Breaks	-	11,900	11,900
Garfield Weston	10,000	-	10,000
National Lottery	-	90,623	90,623
Other Small Grants	500	4,375	4,875
Sussex Community Foundation	10,000	-	10,000
University of Sussex	-	3,255	3,255
Baily Thomas Foundation	-	-	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-
BHCC	-	94,902	94,902
Toy Trust	-	-	-
Chichester College	-	3,600	3,600
Axis Foundation	-	-	-
The Truemark Trust	-	-	-
The Foyle Foundation	-	-	-
Savoy Educational Trust	-	10,000	10,000
The National Foundation for youth music	-	12,015	12,015
King Charles III Charitable Fund	-	4,000	4,000
The Bedgebury Foundation	-	1,620	1,620
Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust	-	5,000	5,000
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	2,613	2,613
Groundwork UK	-	1,125	1,125
The Hargreaves Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,000
	20,500	261,528	282,028

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £
Chalk Cliff	-	3,000	3,000
Ernest Kleinwort	-	5,000	5,000
ESCC Short Breaks	-	19,000	19,000
Garfield Weston	-	-	-
National Lottery	19,800	58,204	78,004
Other Small Grants	1,728	36,170	37,898
Sussex Community Foundation	13,500	10,500	24,000
University of Sussex	-	7,200	7,200
Baily Thomas Foundation	-	12,000	12,000
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
BHCC	-	41,323	41,323
Toy Trust	-	4,551	4,551
Chichester College	-	2,250	2,250
Axis Foundation	-	5,231	5,231
The Truemark Trust	-	5,000	5,000
The Foyle Foundation	7,000	-	7,000
Savoy Educational Trust	-	10,000	10,000
The National Foundation for youth music	-	-	-
King Charles III Charitable Fund	-	-	-
The Bedgebury Foundation	-	-	-
Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust	-	-	-
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	-	-
Groundwork UK	-	-	-
The Hargreaves Foundation	-	-	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-
	42,028	229,429	271,457

4. **Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	3,330	6,283

5. **Analysis of Expenditure**

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)	2026 Total
	£	£	£
Operations	93,908	21,306	115,214
Sports	43,979	-	43,979
Family Support	98,883	3,498	102,381
Music	7,165	-	7,165
Social Development	66,046	3,319	69,365
	309,981	28,123	338,104

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Operations	124,519	29,514	154,033
Communication	15,901	-	15,901
Sports	32,648	-	32,648
Family Support	60,685	-	60,685
Music	7,489	-	7,489
Social Development	37,227	-	37,227
	278,469	29,514	307,983

6. **Support Costs**

	Operations	Family Support	Social Development	2026 Total
	£	£	£	£
General administration	16,968	3,498	3,319	23,785
Depreciation	3,330	-	-	3,330
Governance costs	1,008	-	-	1,008
	21,306	3,498	3,319	28,123

	2025 Operations
	£
General administration	22,331
Depreciation	6,283
Governance costs	900
	29,514

7. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	224,112	206,822
Other pension costs	2,650	3,076
	226,762	209,898

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 17 (2025: 17)

9. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 February 2025	11,054	25,140	2,693	38,887
As at 31 January 2026	11,054	25,140	2,693	38,887
Depreciation				
As at 1 February 2025	2,764	14,585	2,693	20,042
Provided during the period	691	2,639	-	3,330
As at 31 January 2026	3,455	17,224	2,693	23,372
Net Book Value				
As at 31 January 2026	7,599	7,916	-	15,515
As at 1 February 2025	8,290	10,555	-	18,845

10. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	1,625	1,625

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	860	860
Other creditors	820	2,697
Taxation and social security	1,040	259
Accruals and deferred income	1,799	1,799
	4,519	5,615

12. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other loans	7,001	7,001

13. **Loans**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Amounts falling due between one and five years:		
Other loans	7,001	7,001

14. **Pension Commitments**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £2,650 (2025: £3,076).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

15. **Movement in Funds**

	As at 1 February 2025	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 January 2026
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	25,197	103,742	(92,702)	36,237
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	2,859	29,673	(24,861)	7,671
Social and Learning	1,072	7,745	(6,223)	2,594
Going Places	8,294	41,800	(43,794)	6,300
Sports	-	66,315	(43,979)	22,336
Uni Hub	-	63,250	(60,793)	2,457
Uni intern funding	-	3,255	-	3,255
Microbusiness project	26,516	37,475	(58,587)	5,404
Youth Music 2Yr Project	5,861	12,015	(7,165)	10,711
Total restricted funds	44,602	261,528	(245,402)	60,728
Total funds	69,799	365,270	(338,104)	96,965

	As at 1 February 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 January 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	28,609	99,157	(102,569)	25,197
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	20,587	58,205	(75,933)	2,859
Social and Learning	-	8,285	(7,213)	1,072
Going Places	-	66,105	(57,811)	8,294
Sports	-	13,365	(13,365)	-
Uni Hub	-	25,272	(25,272)	-
Uni intern funding	-	8,600	(8,600)	-
Microbusiness project	-	36,247	(9,731)	26,516
Youth Music 2Yr Project	-	13,350	(7,489)	5,861
Total restricted funds	20,587	229,429	(205,414)	44,602
Total funds	49,196	328,586	(307,983)	69,799

16. **Transactions with Trustees**

The following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2026 Total
		£	£	£
Senay Smallwood	Other legal authority	35,000	878	35,878

During the previous year the following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or a related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2025 Total
		£	£	£
Senay Smallwood	Regulatory body permission	35,520	876	36,396

The Managing Director, Senay Smallwood, is responsible for the day to day management of the Charity as delegated by the Board of Trustees and receives remuneration for her work. Remuneration is paid for employment by the Charity and not for being a trustee. The Charity sought permission from The Charity Commission to do this and the Articles of Association were amended on 22nd January 2014 accordingly.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

17. Related Party Disclosures

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £136,000 (2025: £47,494)

Guy Passey

Trustee

During the year Guy Passey, who is also a trustee, received payment of £1,100 for design services. None of this payment was for services as a trustee.

18. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.